

Education

November 21, 2013

8:45-10:00

Members Present: Bill Basford, Jane Edwards, Robert Gorrill, Melissa Hackett, Heather Halsey, Heidi Holst, Elery Keene, Linda Woods

We welcomed new people and started with introductions.

Robert is taking a KVCC sociology course and needs to do 12 hours of community service. He will be starting a community garden at the Mid Maine Homeless Shelter. He has met with the shelter and talked to Stu Silverstein about this project.

Action Items:

Robert: Write a schedule for your project

Robert: Send Linda your grandfather's address, so she can send him a thank you card

Robert: Put in a request to Johnny's & Fedco for seeds (Heather can help.)

Heather: Send Robert Sarah Trunzo's contact info

Thomas students need to do community service projects. Heidi is responsible for the Edge Program, a one week intensive to get one semester's credit. They also do community service.

Action Items:

Heidi: Try to find some help with marketing and web design

Melissa: Contact Sarah Smith and see what is available

Linda: Send Heidi about KMT

Heather presented the concept of "Kids Can Grow," a cooperative extension program that educates kids between 6 & 12 as well as their parents about gardening. A brief synopsis of the Program: starts in May with an information session, monthly meetings to go through the process from building to gardening to harvesting, nominal fee to participate, raised bed 3X5 in a community location to use as demonstration, families can make garden beds at home. It is a feeder program for future community gardens. The food at the demonstration garden is donated to a local food pantry.

Need 2 responsible adults to run the meetings & 2 well-versed gardeners (one for adults & one for kids)

Provide speakers

This could connect with Robert's idea for a garden at the homeless shelter.

Various locations were discussed including using the space behind Barrels Community Market as the educational location.

Action Items:

Heather: prepare a lesson on the entire program

Melissa & Linda: develop a schedule around this program (to be started in April)

Linda: Check with Mary Dunn about when she is available

Linda: Invite Stu

Heather is organizing an information session for KVCC agriculture students. She is looking for people to promote “Farm to Table” and Culinary Arts. She is looking for suggestions for speakers.

Jane summarized the work of Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group. They are continuing to meet and plan future events. Maybe the Education Team is interested in helping to plan these future events.

Learning Circles continue to be a work in progress.

Bill summarized his concern that so much money is leaving the state because of vehicle use (over \$1 M a week leaves Waterville).

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 17 at 8:45 at Barrels Community Market.**